#### **ANALYSIS**

This ordinance amends the Los Angeles County Code, Title 11 - Health and Safety to add Chapter 11.66, to obligate the County health officer to accept applications for Medical Marijuana Program identification cards and charge an application fee to cover all County costs in administering the state's Medical Marijuana Program.

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#### ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending Title 11 - Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County

Code, to establish the county health officer's obligation to accept applications from and

charge an application fee set by the Board of Supervisors to individuals seeking to obtain

a Medical Marijuana Program identification card, pursuant to the Health and Safety Code.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 11.66 is hereby added to Title 11 -- Health and Safety to read as follows:

### Chapter 11.66 MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION CARD Sections:

11.66.010	Medical Marijuana Program Identification Card – Applications.
11.66.020	Medical Marijuana Program Identification Card Initial Application Fee.
11.66.030	Medical Marijuana Program Identification Card Renewal Application Fee.
11.66.040	Medical Marijuana Program Identification Card County Application Fee.

### 11.66.010 Medical Marijuana Program Identification Card -- Applications:

The county health officer shall provide applications upon request to individuals seeking a Medical Marijuana Program Identification Card pursuant to Division 10, Chapter 6, Article 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

## 11.66.020 Medical Marijuana Program Identification Card -- Initial Application Fee.

Every person seeking to obtain a Medical Marijuana Program identification card shall submit a completed application to the county health officer, or his or her designee, and at such time pay the required application fee, as established by the Board of Supervisors. The initial application fee is \$100, except that applicants that receive Medical benefits at the time of submission of their application shall pay \$50.

## 11.66.030 Medical Marijuana Program Identification Card -- Renewal Application Fee.

Every person seeking to renew his or her Medical Marijuana Program identification card shall submit a completed application for renewal to the county health officer, or his or her designee, and at such time pay the required renewal application fee. The renewal application fee is \$100, except that applicants that receive Medi-Cal benefits at the time of submission of their renewal application shall pay \$50.

# 11.66.040 Medical Marijuana Program Identification Card -- County Application Fee.

The county health officer shall collect all application fees as required by the California Department of Health Services for each application and renewal application received. The county health officer shall charge an additional application fee, as established by the Board of Supervisors, for each application and renewal application

received. This additional fee shall cover all costs incurred by the County of Los Angeles in administering the Medical Marijuana Program pursuant to Division 10, Chapter 6, Article 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code. The county's portion of the application fee shall be combined with the application fee required by the California Department of Health Services to create a single application fee and be collected from the applicant upon receipt of the completed application, as set forth in Sections 11.66.020 and 11.66.030.

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